

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure at page 14, lines 3 – 5 with the following amended Abstract of the Disclosure:

A ~~The present invention is a connecting structure including is~~  
~~provided. The connecting structure includes~~ a post with a first end,  
middle portion, and a second end. ~~[[, a]]~~ A plurality of prongs are  
flexibly connected to the first end, extending toward the second end  
in a V-shape.

Please amend the paragraph of the Specification at page 4, line 21 – page 5,  
line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 2 depicts connecting structure 10 including prongs 20,  
abutment or collar stop 24 being disposed in aperture 25 45 and held  
in place by reason of cooperative relationship of abutment or collar  
stop 24 and the termini 27 of prongs 20. In this instance the second  
end 18 of post 12 is inserted in secure relationship with connecting  
member portion 22 which is integrally connected to portion 32 of

connecting member 21. Connecting member 21 is depicted as a coil spring with portions 22 and 32 being at right angles to one another.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, line 13 – page 7, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

As seen in Figures 2 and 3 it is desired to connect wings of a bird, for example, to the body after unassembled shipment. The connector 10 is shipped in secured relationship with the wing or appendage 40. The wing or appendage is then assembled to the body 44 by inserting the connector 10 with attached wing or appendage 40 to the body 44 as previously described. To achieve realistic form the connector 21 has portion 22 at right angles to portion 32 as the weight of the wing or appendage will cause drooping or bending of the spring connector 21. As shown in Figure 2, body 44 typically includes apertures ~~25~~ 45 and 46 and is configured to receive connecting structure 10 such that connecting structure 10 slides through apertures ~~25~~ 45 and 46 and prongs 20 expand on the other side of body 44 to secure connecting structure 10 and wing or appendage 40 to body 44. Prongs 20 flex inward or toward post 12 to allow connecting structure 10 to pass through

apertures ~~25~~ 45 and 46. Prongs 20 then expand and return to the unflexed position to secure connecting structure 10 with the secured wing or appendage 40 to body 44. With this configuration, connecting structure 10 will connect to body 44 and to appendage 40, such that appendage 40 will be springly moveable with respect to post 12 and body 44 due to connecting member 21. Connecting member 21 here depicted as a coil spring in configuration may be configured to flex with relatively small forces acting upon it.

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 13 – 17 with the following amended paragraph:

Connecting member 21 may be configured with a spring constant such that wing or appendage 40 projects in displaceably suspended manner to ~~will~~ move with relatively low forces acting upon it. Low forces may include a summer breeze or other small force, either natural or man-man. To disassociate wing or appendage 40 from body 44, prongs 20 are pressed together toward post 12 and connecting structure 10 may be removed from apertures ~~25~~ 45 and 46.